

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A document generation system comprising:
  - an assembly facility configured to apply precedence and rules to document content and configured to be coupled to an origination platform;  
wherein precedence involves identifying two or more matching document components and dynamically choosing one of the matching components;  
a knowledge base stored in computer memory and configured to be coupled to the assembly facility and to store content in a hierarchy; and  
a content management system configured to be coupled to the knowledge base and to support authoring of document content and rules.
2. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to validate data received from the origination platform.
3. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to receive transaction information from the origination platform.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the assembly facility is configured to generate a resolved, markup language file.
7. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the resolved, markup language file is an XML file to which a style sheet may be applied to generate a file in an output format.
8. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to operate with an interface to receive information from the origination platform.

9. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the interface is an application programming interface.
10. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is configured to be loaded by a press process.
11. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base includes a plurality of stored procedures.
12. (Currently Amended) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is configured to be loaded by a press process and includes a plurality of stored procedures.
13. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base includes a plurality of object stores.
14. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 13, wherein each object store corresponds to an architecture specified by a schema or a document type definition.
15. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the knowledge base includes a rules object store and a content object store.
16. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claims 13, wherein each object store is configured to be able to contain a link to an object.
17. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 16, wherein each object store is configured to be able to contain a link to an object selected from the group consisting of an external object, a binary object, and a character object.
18. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 17, wherein each binary and character object is composed of XML text fragments.
19. – 45. (Canceled)

**Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached Replacement Drawing Sheet containing Fig. 22 replaces the previously-filed drawing sheet containing Fig. 22 of this Application. An annotated Drawing Sheet containing a marked-up version of the amended Fig. 22 is also attached.